

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the Drawings for not indicating the “process direction” indicated in the claims. Being submitted herewith is a revised FIG. 2, clearly indicating the process direction P; further, in the above Amendment, paragraphs 0012-0014 have been revised to comport with the revision of Figure 2. Applicant submits that the process direction now indicated as P was clearly defined in the text of the Specification as filed, such as in the phrase “toward the output tray” in paragraph 0012.

The Examiner has further rejected claims 1, 2, 7, and 8 under 35 USC 112 for not making clear “how crease rollers, which are operable to fold a sheet, can be located upstream of the sticker applicator in the process direction.”

In response to the §112 rejection, Applicant points to Figure 2, as well as paragraph 0012 of the Specification as filed, which is reproduced above in the Amendment. The crease nip 16, formed by the crease rolls 10,12, is upstream of the sticker applicator 30 relative to the process direction P. As clearly stated in paragraph 0012, the rollers 20, 22 can “direct a sheet S disposed in main nip 24 either **in the process direction P ... or, as needed, in a reverse direction opposite the process direction P ...** . In this way, as part of a process, the rollers 20, 22 can **‘back up’** a folded sheet or set of sheet some distance as needed at certain times” (emphases added).

This idea of the folded sheet being at certain times “backed up” relative to process direction P, as described, not only makes clear how crease rollers 10, 12 can be upstream of sticker applicator 30, but also distinguishes the claimed invention from any art heretofore cited.

As the Drawings have been revised to overcome the objection, the Specification has been amended to overcome the §112 rejection, and there are no outstanding art rejections, the claims are therefore in condition for allowance.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment; however, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is hereby requested to call the undersigned attorney at (585) 423-3811, Rochester, NY.

Respectfully submitted,

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